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71 Crawford St.  
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Dear Willie:

I am sure you have received your placards by this time. I ordered 300 for each city, as the man who makes them told me that is the number Joe Lewis uses. I do hope you and Percy are working hard on the games, because you can see how hard Brady Johnson is trying to keep you out of the baseball. I was so mad the night he called me (reversed the Charges) and had the impudence to ask me what was this he heard about you and Percy having two nights for us to play. I really laid him out. I believe he tried to get the USO or whoever has the park, to take it. Didnt you tell me you went with him to get the park, and the man gave him the dates? I thought you did. Well as things stand we will be idle the 25th, and as good as idle the 28th. We are going to play a service team in Richmond the 24th, which wont mean much, but it will keep us from being idle the two days. I tried to contact some one in Durham, but could not get an answer from anyone. The Eagles and Elites would have gone there on the 24th. I wired Dock Jenkins, and Mr Bailey at The Biltmore Hotel. Neither answered. I dont know what to think. They always seemed so anxious for us to come down,

I am sure from the looks of things, Brady Johnson is mad because any one but him has the ball park. I just hope we will do well, so the teams will not be afraid to come with us.

I am having my man here send some news to The Journal and Guide, but you follow it up and see how much cooperation you can get. If Brady Johnson gets any radio or white newspaper help, you see if you cant get it too.

Have some place for the team to stay, thenight of the 26th and 27th. We are planning to stay in Richmond the 24th and 25th.

If you can find a minuet drop me a line and let me know how things look. If there is anything I can do let me hear from you. Hope you are feeling well.

Sincerely Effa